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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003 which issued in connection with the above referenced patent application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim:

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50811. (Twice Amended) A sanitary napkin for use by a woman for feminine hygiene and adapted to be worn in an undergarment, comprising a main body portion having a liquid permeable body faceable cover layer, a liquid impermeable garment faceable barrier layer, an absorbent element therebetween, the main body portion further having first and